

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 19-21 and 23-58 are currently pending in this application. Claims 19, 23-26, 28, 30, 32, 35, 36, and 39 have been amended. Claims 47-57 have been canceled. Claim 58 has been added. Support for the amendments may be found from line 30 on page 15 through line 25 on page 16 of the application as originally filed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 19-21, 23-39, and 40-57 stand rejected as being anticipated by Hardman, "Structured Multimedia Authoring" (1993).

Claim 19, as amended, recites receiving user events during the development of software content. Each of the user events is a low-level event generated by a peripheral device coupled to the computer system. The computer system automatically determines, in response to receiving the user events, which events and sequences of events constitute actions. Each determined action corresponds to a change in the software content and at least one of the user events, by itself, does not correspond to a change in the software content. Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to lines 6-15 on page 16 of the application as originally filed, which describes the distinction between events and actions according to one embodiment of the invention.

The Examiner takes the position that the "nodes" of Hardman are equivalent to the claimed user events and playback of those nodes correspond to the claimed actions. However, every node in Hardman corresponds to a change in the content. Every combination of nodes in Hardman adds up to a different total content. Since each and every node of Hardman corresponds to some

differing element of content, Hardman cannot disclose the claimed at least one user event, by itself, does not correspond to a change in software content.

Claim 23, as amended, recites determining automatically which recorded actions satisfy a specified criteria, wherein each recorded action corresponds to at least one user events and wherein each recorded action corresponds to a change in multimedia content and wherein at least one of the at least one user events, by itself, does not correspond to a change in the multimedia content. Accordingly, claim 23 is patentable over Hardman for similar reasons to those stated above with respect to claim 19.

Claims 24-26, as amended, recite similar, but not identical, elements to those recited in claim 23, and are patentable over Hardman for similar reasons to those stated above.

Claims 28, 30, and 32, as amended, recite playing back actions recorded during development of content in chronological order on an output device an action from recorded actions comprising a sequence of events, wherein the events are selected to constitute the action based on a preset criterion and wherein each action corresponds to a change in the content and wherein at least one of the events, by itself, does not correspond to a change in the content. Accordingly, claim 28, 30, and 32 are patentable over Hardman for similar reasons to those stated above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 35, 36, and 39, as amended, recite recording determined actions rather than recording individual events constituting those actions during development of content if a user preference specifies that the determined actions are to be recorded, wherein each action corresponds to a change in the content and wherein at least one of the events constituting an action, by itself, does not correspond to a change in the content. Accordingly, claims 35, 36, and 39 are

patentable over Hardman for similar reasons to those stated above with respect to claim 1.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

SUMMARY

Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner determines that the prompt allowance of these claims can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Joe Sosinski at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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